

## WFWP Northern California 2020 Annual Benefit for the Schools of Africa Project

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*Desserts displayed at the drive-by event*

Doing our Benefit for the Schools of Africa was quite an adventure this year. Because of Covid restrictions, we couldn't do our usual silent auction, so instead we decided to do a two part benefit. We chose to first hold a Zoom event and then follow up with a drive-by event a few days later, when we would give homemade desserts to people who donated to the schools. We also set up an online donation page.

First we had the Zoom event on October 21st at 7:30 pm, prepared and hosted by Arehta Fortune and Prem Bajaj. The event highlighted the achievements of the schools and shared some letters of appreciation written by students. We also introduced some of the women who prepared desserts for the event. They introduced the delicious desserts they were preparing and expressed their desire to contribute to the Schools of Africa. The Zoom event also informed people about the online donation page.

On October 25th we had the drive-by event in the parking lot of the Bay Area Family Church. Fourteen women baked pies and desserts to give to our donors. We had also received a large donation of books on healing, cooking and health in general, which we offered to our donors as gifts of appreciation for their donations. We took all the precautions necessary for Covid.

It was a beautiful day and we were very grateful for everyone who came and donated. Due to Covid concerns, many people preferred to just donate online on the website or by sending us a check in the mail. We are so grateful to the many people who support the Schools of Africa faithfully every year.

We would like to give special recognition to one of our donors in particular. For many years, our wonderful friend Prabha Duneja supported our Schools of Africa events with her help and a large donation from her nonprofit organization, the Geeta Society. Though Prabha passed away last year, her good friend Prem Bajaj has become an active member of WFWP and with her help the Geeta Society once again offered a very generous contribution of \$5000 to the Schools of Africa. WFWP USA honored the Geeta Society with a certificate of appreciation and a special letter from Fannie Smith, the National Schools of Africa Director, which was also signed by President Angelika Selle.